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Sir:

How does one go about expressing their opinion, about something that there government said is in their best interest of there citizens of our wonderful USA.

Here are my thoughts on this settlement concerning Microsoft Company , which I believe is the first true all American USA company..

First allow me to say up front here, I started reading the court documents about the terms of the settlement and was very troubled by the findings and ground rules laid down for Microsoft. It reads like more money out of the public pockets and nothing to protect our best interest. in the software or computer world.

I feel that the agreement isn't really in the consumers best interest nor is it in Microsoft's best interest, this is my opinion. The decree reads like a very confusing judgment. which. in the end I believe will put software & computers out of reach for the average everyday American citizen,

Now mind you. I said average citizen, not those who are already at the bottom or top, of the food chain. [no disrespect meant there] Why do I say this. Because you have took a company in the name of some folks greed and put a price tag on everything which has to do with technology , which, technology has no price tag, nor is mankind a third of the way ready for this wonderful new world of technology. I hope and pray you understand this statement. this could destroy generations of children now, and those to be born.

I wonder in today's world, does any one really care about the citizens of our nation or humanity. Maybe the green god rules in total. Heaven help us. There will never be a standard set for software. that is the way I see it at this time from the decree being handed down..

I have shelf's full of useless software which doesn't work on my computers. I purchase software & hardware from those who only seek profit, and no perfection in there software to work with any OS system. let the buyer be truly aware of what this will eventually lead to with software for the consumer. Or even Companies at there total own risk we will take your cash and bed... you the consumer. The internet will all but be destroyed by those who would benefit from it, in the name of greed and jealousy by a few. Who only have there interest at hand, so sorry but this is how I see it from the beginning of this to continued law suits against Microsoft. Allow me to state that I have no axe to grind with anyone nor do I work for Microsoft.

I choose on my own to use Microsoft's products because their software was the only software that actually works for me being a lay person, and I didn't need a PhD to use Microsoft's software, they supported there software, with out charging outrageous fees to fix there product if something went wrong with there software, which was a rare thing for such a large software company. to take responsibly for there products... Nor did they tease me with there browser like Netscape did [my very first browser] offer me the bare bones files, in order for there browser to work I had to spend hard earn funds at that time to get it to work for me [very complicated] to enjoy using what my and a lot of other folks tax dollars have already paid for, the Internet.

I hope you understand what I am trying my best to get across to you here. I think this issue should be rethought and support Microsoft more then what it isn't doing now in my opinion, my sixty three years could be wrong , but I don't think so.

This isn't a phone company or a light company, etc.. we cannot continue to destroy companies because someone thinks that they are to wealthy or that they want part of the action, the phone company is a good example.....this company Microsoft is part of the very back bone of our nation the new frontier of the twenty-first century. they are a American Global Company with major assets here in the mother land, supply jobs to the best and brightest of our youth to move forward in the 21st century...who sets good standards on how a company should treat those who work for them fairly.....this is Wonderful.....this is something we can not destroy in the name of greed.....you know like when we first started out as a raw nation, an new frontier the west in the earlier years. We can never revert back, even thought some of us think that is what it will take to get our house in order . it Takes honesty & compassion for mankind to put our house in order, if we are lucky as a nation.

I would also like to suggest that we change some of those outdated Sherman act laws, they are a great guide to follow , but horrible to use against companies in today's world, those standards where for that time period in our history, we also need to remove a lot of business tax shelters and start making them pay there fair share, restore checks and balances, not when someone thinks a company are person is to large are to big. also, we need to allow those who build there own companies from {there pockets} not the tax payers pockets. a little more legal lead way. Sometimes we will need to allow a company to be a monopoly [this is one of those instances] with guidance's. By those whom we tax payers, pay as our watch dogs to protect us an our country from being devoured. Does that make sense. No two babies are birth the same way, I had to throw that in, It must be said. No I do not own any stock in Microsoft.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinions. God bless you and our Nation.

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